

THE LOGGER'S BARK**Radio Club of Tacoma, Inc.****P.O. Box 11188****Tacoma, WA 98411**

2005 EVENTS

-Board Meeting, Wednesday November 2nd 7:30 p.m. Clubhouse - All members welcome

License Testing - Tuesday, November 8th 2005. 7 PM, Clubhouse

- BARK deadline Monday November 21st 2005- PLEASE get articles, columns, etc. in by that time!

- Support OUR club - Attend meetings, volunteer, Elmer.

-Club Meeting- Wednesdays, November 9th, 2005. Library Administration Center, 7:30 PM

- Check in to the 2-meter Net every Tuesday night at 7:30, on 147.28. Hear additional information on programs and other events.

-Club Meeting—Wednesday November 23rd 2005. Library Administration Center, 7:30 PM

- Check in on the 10 Meter Net every Sunday evening, 8 PM, on 28.375 MHz USB

NOVEMBER 2005 EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Whiskey Group Meets on 75 Meters daily. 3948 LSB @ 7:00 AM 3957 LSB @ 9:00 PM		1	2 Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	3	4 ARRL Sweepstakes Test CW 2100Z Nov 5 to 0300Z Nov 7	5 Open House 10 a.m.-2p.m.
6 10 METER NET 28.375 8 P.M. No-code tech class 9:00-5:00	7 147.23 NET 7:30 P.M. VE Testing 7:00 P.M. @ the clubhouse	8	9 RCT Meeting 7:30 p.m.	10	11 WAE DX Test RTTY 000z Nov 12 to 2359Z Nov 13.	12 Open House 10 a.m.-2p.m.
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From The Prez

FROM THE PRESIDENT, MICK KK7QS

you should get your bid to me before November 30th.

We had very successful social gathering at the clubhouse on Saturday October 22nd. It was dubbed "The Halloween Costume Potluck Party". Roger Holme, KE7EMV and wife Heidi brought many items to help with the decorations. They, along with Jill, K7JIL, Frank, AC7JY, Jessica, KC7ZWM, Dawn, KC7VZM, Larry KD4VOM and wife Jan spent about 3 hours before the party decorating. They decorated inside and out. It really looked good. There was lots of good food, as usual. And you should have seen all the costumes. We had smoking punch and played pin the antenna on the tower. It was a lot of fun and I hope we do more of these socials. If you missed this one keep an eye and an ear open for our next one. "73" de kk7qs

Hello from the oval office, or is it square. Any way you look at it, it's that time again. You know, time to choose who you would like to see in office. The ballots have been sent out and you should have gotten yours sometime last week. Please be sure to get your ballots to one of the election committee members before the meeting starts on November 9th. If you are mailing yours be sure it gets postmarked by the 7th.

The club is ready to consider bids for the car that Dr. Tom Murphy, N7QHX donated. It is a 1989 Ford Probe 2-Door hatchback. It is nicely equipped and is in very good shape. The engine has recently been rebuilt, and the heads were just checked for proper torque. The battery has been replaced and it is ready to go. If you have any question you can call me at 253-891-6950. We will consider bids with a minimum of \$2500.00. It is our plan to offer this automobile to club members through this bidding until the end of November. If we have received no acceptable bid by the end of the month we will look into using a consignment sales lot. If you are interested



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Announcements

“The Bark” Has a new editor! See Page 13!

Did You Know...

If you RENEW your ARRL membership through the Radio Club of Tacoma, the club gets to keep \$2.00?

If you JOIN the ARRL through the Radio Club of Tacoma, the club gets to keep \$15.00?

For forms or more information, please contact Pat KD7TRC or any RCT officer.

CLUB MEETINGS: 7:30 PM 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month at the Pierce County Library Administration Building, 3005 - 112th Street East, Tacoma, WA

W7DK/Radio Club of Tacoma

147.28 / .88 MHz (PL 103.5)

144.97 - Packet

147.38 / .98 MHz (PL 103.5)

440.625 / 445.625 (PL 103.5)



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Radio Club of Tacoma Meeting Minutes

RADIO CLUB OF TACOMA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 5, 2005

The October 5, 2005 board meeting was held at the Radio Club of Tacoma club house. President Mick Pier-KK7QS called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Officers and board members present were: Mick Pier-KK7QS, Jill Palmer -K7JIL, Larry Watson-KD4VOM, Pat Wingerter-KD7TRC, Frank Palmer-AC7JY, Roddneý Saucedo-WV7O. A sign in sheet with the names of members and guests is attached.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

Minutes from the September 7 2005 board meeting were approved as read.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Pat, -KD7TRC, distributed copies of the September 2005 report of receipts and disbursements, a copy is attached.

Pat announced that the second half property taxes have been paid.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The President announced the appointment of Larry Watson to fill the vacancy of the Secretary for the remainder of the current term.

Jill-K7JIL reminded all of the upcoming Halloween party on the 22nd and asked for assistance with the decorating. The Clubhouse will be open most of the day and those wishing to help decorate are welcome around two or three o'clock

The President announced that he had taken the Annual Doc Spike Award plaque to have an additional section created since the existing space had run out and last

year's award winner's name has not yet been added.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee: No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The President asked for a status on the repair of the clubhouse handicapped ramp. Frank -AC7YJ advised that Lynn-K7OKS was hoping to work on it this Friday. Mike-AB7ZDR will also explore the cost and feasibility of constructing a concrete ramp as a replacement.

The President asked how much was in the Mac Park fund, and Pat estimated the fund at around \$ 175.00. Pat will also purchase the agreed to MFJ analyzer and arrange for the Mac Park memorial commemorative inscription to be attached.

The President raised the issue of how to manage the sale of the automobile donated by Thomas Murphy. Determining the vehicle market value, and making the vehicle available for purchase by club members prior to the general public were discussed along with suggestions to auction the vehicle through a sealed bid auction with a minimum acceptable bid. Roddneý-WV7O and Mike-KB7ZDR offered to research vehicle values.

NEW BUSINESS:

The President opened a discussion of the format and structure for our regular general membership meetings. Of necessity, the historical practice of having a special program twice monthly at every general membership meeting may be unsustainable. Alternatives such as holding the first regular membership meeting primarily as a business meeting for all club members, and the second monthly general membership meeting as a "program" meeting were discussed. One idea was to structure the first general membership meeting as an opportunity for club members to take a more active part in club decision making and to assist the club Board in determining

what the membership interests and concerns may be. The topic will be presented to the membership at the next general membership meeting on 12 October 2005.

Roger Holme-KE7EMV offered a list of ideas and recommendations for review by the Board. These included: program development, W7DK at the Fair improvements, more potlucks (one for Thanksgiving), using the BARK for a classified help wanted/ want ads and special interest topics, promoting membership and publicity using Club T shirts, vehicle decals (with club logo's). Some of these are already underway, and others will be explored to determine club membership interest, feasibility and costs.

Peter-AD7EU asked about outreach programs, and Mick responded that we have done several including the Boy Scout Jamboree, but have nothing active at this point.

Jill-K7JIL Raised the question of regular and board meeting starting times. A motion was made by Frank-AC7YJ to move the meeting start times to 7 PM from 7:30. During the discussion it became evident that the 7 PM time would prove a hardship to many who are working and would be unable to make the earlier time. The Motion was withdrawn and no action taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 09:01 PM.

**RADIO CLUB OF TACOMA
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
MINUTES**

12 October, 2005

The 12 October 2005 Monthly Membership meeting was held at the Pierce County Library Administration Building. . President Mick Pier-KK7QS called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Officers and board members present were:

President: Mick Pier-KK7QS,

Vice President: Jill Palmer –K7JIL

Secretary: Larry Watson-

KD4VOM

Treasurer: Pat Wingerter-KD7TRC

Board Member: Frank Palmer-AC7JY

Board Member: William Jonez-AB7WJ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The President, Mick Pier led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by members and visitors self introductions

INTRODUCTIONS:

Lee Barker, Walter Perrin, Ron Renwick, and others introduced themselves and reported passing the Technician Class exam last night. Bob Yates who holds an expired Dominican Republic call is also planning to gain reinstatement.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Larry, KD4VOM reported receipt of several bank account, phone and County tax statements.

Mick Pier reported on several e-mail correspondences. One from LB3KE who is promoting a new CW Code learning program, and Roger Stephens, PHd W7CSS inquired about the Club's activities relative to educational programs with the schools. Although physically limited, he offered his academic "clout" in any of our efforts, and also asked if there were any who might help the elderly with antenna construction and maintenance. Dr George KK7FM sent a message asking about the Mac Parks Memorial and announced that he was considering some sort of annual memorial award recognizing achievement in CW activities.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Pat KD7TRC reported that a current income and expense statement was available for review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rich W7ANF reminded folks of the upcoming Christmas Party Potluck, 10 December at the TACIT 5:30, dinner at 6. The Club will provide the turkey, but bring whatever potluck you like. The Club will also provide plasticware, etc.

Jill K7JIL reminded all of the upcoming Halloween Potluck at the Clubhouse on October 22nd. Decorating help welcome around 2 – 3pm, dinner around 5. Costumes encouraged but not mandatory.

There will be games; Pictionary and pin the coax on the tower??

Rick, W7LKG passed around material from the Kure Island expedition.

Jill also reminded any new (2005) members who have not received a "Membership Package" to contact her for one.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Examination Team:

John, AC7WW reported administering 17 Elements to 13 candidates last night, with ten new Technician Class and one Extra class passing.

Nominating Committee:

Rich Patrick KR-7W, Chairman for the Nominating Committee reported the following nominations for Officer and Board vacancies for the 2006-2009 term:

For Vice President; Jill Palmer K7JIL (incumbent)

For Secretary; Richard (Larry) Watson KD4VOM (currently serving)

Board Position 1 Peter Baker AD7EU

Board Position 3 Larry Alvar KD7TQW

Board Position 5 Gary McAdams WG7X

Nominations were solicited from the floor, but none appeared.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:**Election Committee:**

The President appointed the following to the Election Committee

John Clarke AC7WW Chairman,
Frank Palmer AC7JY, and Dawn
Pier KC7VZM who will prepare,
mail and tally the election ballots.

Discussion Topics:

Hints and Kinks: There was a short discussion and diagramming of a semi-directional 2 meter antenna plan

Worth W7WG announced that Al K7UPC was looking for some help with installing some antennas and towers. He also commented on a QST article about QRP activity at altitudes of 14K and mused whether Rick might be interested... He also reported that 80 and 160 meter bands were good for JA calls. He commented on a QST article indicating that there was more Ham activity in support of the Hurricane disaster than he thought and we should try to capitalize on it in our own Public Relations activities.

Steve KD7UBE demonstrated a golf ball toss game and equipment and plans to bring it to the Christmas party for folks to play.

There was a report that the 96.9 FM Country and Western station was running an ARRL commercial promotion.

Rich KR7W reported that Jerry has continuing medical difficulties and had planned to attend tonight but couldn't. Mick KK7QS will contact Jerry again to see how we can handle book sales when Jerry can't make it...

Door Prize won by:

John Ralph KD7OVH won the door prize at this meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM

APPROVED:

(LARRY) WATSON KD4VOM
MICK PIER KK7QS

Secretary
President

On The Bands, With WG7X**K7C Returns!**

Heard on Twenty meters last week: K7C from their boat in mid-Pacific. Ward, N0AX was on the microphone, working mostly stateside stations. He was loud and clear into the west coast. Too bad they were not as loud when they were on the island!

“And now a pause for station Identification!”

Heard recently on Two meters:

KE7XXX this is KE7YYY lets QSY to simplex!

Being the curious type, your Editor followed the two to the simplex frequency, where both stations were heard very well.

What was NOT heard was any ID. After listening for some time, I was called away and did not get chance to really time the QSO, but it went for quite a while with no station ID's.

Fellows, remember that even if you QSY to a quiet simplex frequency this does not relieve you of the FCC requirement to ID your station every ten minutes, and at the end of your QSO!

High Band Openings!

Casual listening reveals that 10 and 15 meters are having open periods! Check them often and get on the air!

QSL CARD OF THE MONTH

Submitted by WG7X

Some of you may recognize this QSL from the Contest presentation that I gave some months ago. That is a 160 meter MOBILE whip on that tiny Japanese car!

Those crazy JA's!

NEW COLUMN IDEA!

One of the new columns that I'd like to get started is one that we can all participate in. It will be called:

Heard on the Bands, with WG7X

What I would like to include in this column is items of interest that you, the RCT member, have heard in your listening to the Amateur bands. DX, friends, interesting QSO's, stuff like that. Please keep it interesting and tailored to our club audience.



Elmer Board

Do you need help with some area in ham radio? Here is a place to start... First is the listing of areas of support, followed by a list of members' areas of interest.

1. Technical questions, Classes
2. Help with Code
3. License Examinations
4. Antenna and Station planning
5. Antenna and Tower erection
6. Buying new or used equipment
7. Equipment repair
8. Understanding and operating your equipment
9. DX and Contests
10. Club and ARRL activities
11. Using test equipment
12. IRLP

Name/Call Sign /Phone Number/ Help with topic

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Angela, KC7EQ	253-584-2228:	2
Mick, KK7QS	253-891-6950 :	12
Gary WG7X	253-984-0868:	1,4,5,6,8,9,10,11

If you are willing to share your time and knowledge with "newbees" and others, let us know and get on the Elmer Board!

What Do you Do with A Rubber Ducky? By Rich N7ANF



Hi, It's November already and I'm back. It's been real busy the last two months working at the WW Fair.

First I went to the hiring trailer and I ended up with a job cleaning up at night, well my wife's boss found out about it and got me a real nice parking lot job. So I want back to the trailer and thanked them and said I found something else, but I guess they kept my application on file. A few days later I got this call from a restaurant owner needing help setting up (I said I could do a lot of stuff) and after the fair tearing down.

So from early in August to early in October I have not had much time to do much except eat, sleep, and work. The eat; sleep part I've got down good, but the work part is new to me. My Dr. said I was in GOOD shape for my age and Soc. Sec. said I could make as much money as I wanted to. So that's why you haven't seen much of me. Thank you for your understanding.

The Christmas Party is coming Saturday December the 10th at the T.A.C.I.D. building, 6315 So. 19th. Just east of the 19th and Mildred bus / park & ride lot. We will go in the East end of the bldg. And set up time will be 5:30 to 6:00 and we will eat soon after 6:00. We can go till 9: pm if we want. The club will supply the turkeys probably two. I Would love to have someone(s) to donate and bake the turkeys, or we can pay for them. Also we might have a donated ham or two. We also supply the table ware: Plates, cups,

plastic ware, coffee, and pop. We will have door prizes as last year in the form of gift certificates of all kinds.

Come early to set up. Bring you're favorite dish: vegetable, salad, or dessert. Everyone always brings their best. Also looking for someone to again do mashed potatoes and gravy and dressing. Can be more than one person. This would really help take the pressure away from me. And as I said at the last Christmas party I'm looking for someone to take it over or at least some planning help and transporting stuff. The 10th is the second Sat. of December and Arlene and I are out at Camp #6 doing cocoa and cookies for the Santa Train the first three weekends till dark, so it will be tight. Please, if you can help, give us a call at (253) 474-8883.

Not much in the way of Antennas or RF this month. A big welcome to our new Hams, and the new upgrades. Get that wire up and the aluminum up on a mast of some kind. You don't have to have a lot of power, a hand held and a small beam or an outside vertical or j-pole on VHF or UHF will do wonders.

So see you at the clubhouse or the next meeting. 73.....Rich.....N7ANF



Mini-Swap Meet at the Clubhouse

Last Saturday of each month Mini Swap Meet at the Clubhouse ... 10 a.m. to 2 p.m....There will be food (hot dogs, etc.) ...Bring in your items you want to swap or sell or stop by to see what others bring.



NEW ROSTER ADDITIONS

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Pacific Northwest Hamfests

From the website of Lynne Burlingame N7CFO

Disclaimer: I do my best to keep up with scheduling changes on these events, but there is always the chance that one will be canceled or re-scheduled and I will not find out about it. I suggest that you verify all dates and locations with the sponsor.

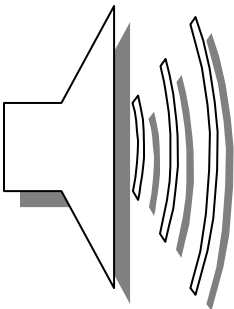
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VISIT THE W7DK WEB SITE
www.w7dk.org

Every Saturday the Clubhouse is
open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



*Check in to the Tuesday evening Net at 7:30p.m. on 147.28
(the W7DK repeater) for the latest news
and announcements from the club!*

10 meter Net Sunday evening 8 p.m. On 28.375

CW net meets on Sunday evening 7 p.m. on 28.150

2-Meter SSB Net every Tuesday after FM net, 144.275

Hello to all reading the bark.

This is AD7BK and by the time you read this I will be living in Montana near Great Falls. As soon as I get my new abode and get my station installed, I will try to contact you folks via "IRLP" or "Echo link" when I get a decent Internet connection. I will be on 3957 KHz during whiskey group or 3970 during country cousins net and maybe the WARTS Net. I will have my dipole up and my HF9V (9 band antenna 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10, 6M) I will TRY to check into Sunday night net but I doubt it until the conditions get better hi hi. I have a 5 element 2M beam to get into the IRLP node and I will check into Tuesday night net.

There is not much for High Speed Internet here unless I move to Great Falls MT. I will not be coming back to live here but I will visit once a month after I settle down. My family lives here, so I will visit.

I thank the following Members of the Radio Club of Tacoma (current or not so current)

W7BUN Jerry, for the Tech, General, and Extra classes that got me from no license to Amateur Extra in One year

AD7FF Randy, for helping me becoming a better Op, fixing my 847, (thanks to the USPS) and giving me the wire for my dipoles. And getting on my case for my LID like activities.

KB7WV Dennis, for helping me along by getting me the verticals and beam I will be using in MT.

K7BUD Bud, for his humorous stories about the #1 and #2 Bus Routes and helping me along with the info I needed.

KR7W Rich, for helping me get more confident with code, and giving me pointers about QRP operations which I had to use here.

WG7X Gary, for teaching me to stop being a LID and helping me understand a few things.

AC7WW John for putting up with me and giving me confidence for being a VE,

N7QHX/N7QHW Tom and Shirley, for helping me along my first year of VE and giving me a chance to go to the fair to help people become hams.

KD7TQX Adam, for playing radio with me up in Greenwater during the JUNE VHF QSO Party

KD7NUV Mickey, for showing me even with burdens of life you can still have fun, and for the Mariners stuff.

AD7AV Doug, for rides to the EXTRA CLASS sessions, and for being a general good people. :)

AD7AW John, for the batteries for portable use, and help along my endeavor to become a portable station.

N7ANF Red Green (Rich), for his humors stories about a rubber ducky and use of the handy mans secret weapon duck tape

(well that was given to him the Red Green Hat) and the good food he makes. And the general all around good guy he is, he is a rare person he is a inspiration for me, to not take any guff from the losers and haters of the world (Including amateur radio) and letting me host the Saturday open house.

KD7TRC Patricia, for her tact in getting me to renew hi hi.

K7JIL Jill, for being nice to me and showing me that you can have a big heart even when you are not so tall as the rest of the membership, I also thank her for allowing me to help in the ham fest and cheered me up a couple times with her "hugs and kisses" hi hi (Candy always seems to perk me up when I am in a slump)

KK7QS Mick, for showing me even though you are railroaded into being in charge of things he takes it in stride, and showed me that even the person at top can have fun while take care of us lil people. Hi hi

K7OKS Lynn, for making 10 meter net fun and allowing me to get my feet wet running net.

K7HW Al, for reminding me I should respect those who are more experienced than I.

AC7JY Frank, for giving me wood (I used it for trim in my room) and being a greeter at every meeting. I will miss you and Jill I hope to find similar people at the Great Falls ARC

W7VO Roddney, for proving to me no matter what you got you can help out; however I couldn't help much during FD 2005

KD7QAG Jeff, for all he has done to show me a proper station set up, also for his humor when he traded his radio for a VX7 when I picked on him for getting it before me.

K7LAZ Harry, for showing me that if I put as much time into decoding CW, I could help out the RCT get a great score on the band of choice.

KD7UBE Steve, for being funny one FD and allowing me to sleep the first Field day.

K7MO for helping me understand RFI and telling me that there is nothing I can do about the EMI/RFI I get from my HDTV. Those who I didn't mention that helped me along, I thank you all I will miss you guys; I will try to make a meeting once a year. If anything I will live longer in MT due to the CLEAN air and OPEN SKY. Maybe just maybe I will see the Northern Lights and meteor showers (since it is much darker in Rural MT.) 4 seasons shorter summers longer winters are the best. And the worry about leaving the door unlocked or being shot at (here in Hilltop Tacoma though where I am at has good propagation of my HF signal I heard many gunshots.)

I wish you all well and I hope to come back from time to time. IF BPL comes out I will not be happy but I can at least COMPLAIN.

73 Best wishes to you all

AD7BK David "Bratty Kid" Schattilly, Montana

ARRL News and Bulletins

ARLB023 Amateur Radio antenna "CC&R Bill" re-introduced in Congress

New York Congressman Steve Israel has reintroduced legislation that could make it easier for radio amateurs living in communities with deed covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs) to erect suitable antennas. Arkansas Congressman Mike Ross, WD5DVR, signed aboard as an original cosponsor of the "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act" (HR 3876).

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, has encouraged League members to write their elected representative and ask that they cosponsor and support the bill, especially given two hurricane emergencies in short order.

"Amateur Radio is certainly a part of this nation's communications infrastructure," Haynie said. "What we're asking for is just a fair shake so we can put up antennas and help our fellow citizens."

While the League has ramped up its efforts to educate members of Congress about Amateur Radio, Haynie said lawmakers respond best to individual members.

The one-sentence measure is identical to the text of the CC&R bill that has been introduced in the last two sessions of Congress. It would put private land-use regulations, such as homeowners' association rules, on the same legal plane as state or local zoning regulations under the FCC's PRB-1 limited federal preemption. PRB-1 now applies only to states and municipalities.

HR 3876 has been assigned to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Information about the bill and a sample letter to use when contacting your representative are available on the ARRL Website, www.arrl.org/govrelations/hr3876/.

In his public announcement September 19, Israel said that "often unsung" Amateur Radio volunteers were instrumental in helping residents in the hardest hit areas in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, including saving stranded flood victims in Louisiana and Mississippi.

"State and local governments, as well as disaster relief agencies, could not possibly afford to replace the services that radio amateurs dependably provide for free," said a statement from Israel's office.

"However, the hundreds of thousands of Amateur

Radio licensees face burdensome regulations that make it extremely difficult to provide their public services."

If you know anyone in the club who could use a word of cheer, congratulations or condolences, please contact Jill Palmer, K7JIL, 253-539-7772 or e-mail hamtalker2@msn.com



THANKS TO ALL “THE PUYALLUP FAIR” VOLUNTEERS

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped set-up, teardown and staff the Radio Club's booth at the Puyallup Fair this year! With your very generous donation of time and knowledge, we were able to make some new friends and rekindle many memories of “the good ole days” for others.

There were 623 licensed Amateur Radio operators that signed the Radio Club's guest book. The out-of-state guests came from Westerville, Ohio - Tucson, AZ. – Roosevelt, AZ – Sacramento, CA – North Pole, Alaska – Plantation, Florida – Kodiak, Alaska – Soldotna, Alaska – San Diego, CA – Tularosa, N.M – Pleasant Grove, UT – Cape Cod, Maine – Sterling, Alaska – Panama City, Florida.

A special thanks goes to Dick, W6PWR, Edith, KB7KSY, and Shirley, N7QHW, for designing and assembling the booth. Due to an oversight by the Hobby Hall coordinators, we were shorted about 12 square feet of floor space but these three were able to squeeze and jiggle things into place like true pros!

I would also like to thank Nick, K7MO, and Rick, KE7EMW, for preparing the antennas and cables for the ICOM radios. Thanks to ICOM once again for providing two very nice radios for use and display at the booth for the duration of the fair. THANK YOU ICOM...

Thanks to the following for staffing the booth and sharing your enthusiasm of ham radio: John, AC7WW; Connie Clarke; Gary, K7EK; Peter, AD7EU; David, K0DRS; Dennis, KB7WFV; Al, AC7BU; Mike, KD7QBF; Jill, K7JIL; Frank, AC7JY; Roy, N7ARG; Roddney, WV7O; Bob, KD7IBU; Chris, WA7MJK; Marv, KC7JKA; Bruce, KC7JPJ; Larry, KD7TQW; Frank, KB3NV; John, N7JFM; Norm, K7DCN; Phil, W7PFZ; Bob, W7SKI; Jon, AD7AW; Gary, K7UPG; Tom, N7QHX; Shirley, N7QHW; Dick, W6PWR; Edith, KB7KSY; Gary, N7GWC; Vern, KD7GTZ; Hal, W7EC; Steve, AD7AB; Wil, KE7EMU; Rich, KK7VH; Roger, KE7EMV; Steve, KD7UBE; Richard, KD6FEA; Carrie, KD7GUK; Dennis, KA7IIV; Rick, W7LKG; Alan, W7AML; Worth, W7WG; Rob, WB7QCS; Harry, N7DOE; Cheryl, KE7AWU; Morel, W6LIX; Oliver, AD7CC; Chuck, AC7QN; Nick, K7MO; Mick, KK7QS; Dawn, KC7VZM.

Many of you worked multiple shifts this year and it was greatly appreciated! Without your support, ideas, and encouragement the Radio Club of Tacoma wouldn't have a presence at The Puyallup Fair, so THANKS TO ONE AND ALL!

Pat , KD7TRC

Letter from the Editor!

Hello club members from your newest editor for "The BARK". My name is Gary McAdams, WG7X. I have volunteered to be the editor for our news letter for a time.

Some of you probably already know me, and some will not, so I thought that I would take up some valuable space here with a short introduction.

I have been a club member since the late '80's. I took my license exam at the RCT and joined W7DK as KB7CNO in June of 1987. I went through the various license classes fairly quickly, ending up as WG7X in the fall of the same year.

Amateur radio has been an interest of mine almost as long as I can remember, but it took me a long time to finally get the license! Since my beginning days, I have enjoyed this hobby very much, and I especially enjoy meeting all the fine folks at W7DK.

These days, I hang my hat in beautiful downtown Lakewood, and I have been on the board of the Radio Club of Tacoma for a couple of years now.

I am looking forward to my stint as the editor of our newsletter, and plan to add a few new features. There will be no radical changes, but some new stuff is inevitable when the editors change!

73 for now, and keep watching this space!

Gary McAdams, WG7X

PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL

PSHR - the Public Service Honor Roll

By Peter Baker AD7EU

How many of you have noticed the Public Service Honor Roll in QST (page 88 in the Nov. issue) and wondered how they get the information? I assumed that whomever one reports to on the scene was forwarding the participation details and they somehow ended up in QST. I asked Ed Bruette, N7NVP, and his response is quoted below. It turns out that like most ham radio wallpaper, we not only have to qualify for it, but also send in our "logs" as well. When I learned that, I wondered how many of our local hams are public service stars not being recognized. Here, in Ed's words, is how to log your public service.

"The guidelines for the PSHR are located at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/nts-mpg/pdf/MPG704A.pdf> The actual Form 210 can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/fsd-210.doc>. The report goes to STM Bill W7ARC whose address is in the header of this message.

If you are documenting public service such as runs/walks etc please ID the event/s. If the activity is message handling we'll be able to verify that with the net manager if needed.

There is no provision for group submissions because it is a program that recognizes individuals. Since reporting can be done via email or NTS it should be an easy matter to dual address the report so it goes to the club for recognition by them.

PSHR is under utilized and it will be nice to see some new faces on the list."

Bill Frazier, W7ARC, mentioned above, suggests using the online form on the Washington State ARES/RACES website at: www.wastateares.org, which is emailed to him directly. If you have taken a look at either the ARRL document or the online form, you'll see it has a field for a mission number. Asked about it, W7ARC replied:

"As for the mission number, if this was not a RACES operations, but an ARES operation, there will be no mission number. This is part of the differences between ARES and RACES."

I know that Ed is correct that PSHR is underutilized, because when I asked about it at the ESAR training exercise, nobody knew anything about it. To summarize from the form, ARES/RACES events and practice, as well as passing NTS message traffic will qualify for points. We just have to track them and add them up! In general, it is a reward for being prepared and practiced, and for encouraging it in others. Now that we know about the program let's all start tracking our public service, and show the community how much we do for them!

RADIO CLUB OF TACOMA VE TESTING DATES FOR 2005

2005 License Exam Testing Dates
(Second Tuesday Each Month)

Location: 1249 S Washington St
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Walk Ins are Welcome. Pre-Registration Not Required

Tuesday January 11, 2005 7:00 PM

Tuesday February 8, 2005 7:00 PM

Tuesday March 8, 2005 7:00 PM

Tuesday April 12, 2005 7:00 PM

Tuesday May 10, 2005 7:00 PM

Tuesday June 14, 2005 7:00 PM

Tuesday July 12, 2005 7:00 PM

Tuesday August 9, 2005 7:00 PM

Saturday August 13, 2005 10:00 AM RCT Flea Market located at Bethel Junior High School
In Spanaway, WA

Tuesday September 13, 2005 7:00 PM

Tuesday October 11, 2005 7:00 PM

Tuesday November 8, 2005 7:00 PM

Tuesday December 13, 2005 7:00 PM

